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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641  
Applicant: Hirokatsu SHIMADA  
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO CONTROL  
PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS  
ARE CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL  
Confirmation No.: 7764  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/02070  
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004, which provides for a response period ending April 9, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: